

Application Serial No. 10/771,887
Amendment dated October 14, 2010
Reply to Office Action dated July 15, 2010

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for a courteous interview held on October 6, 2010. During this interview, the undersigned attorney, Ritu Singh, attorney Michael D. Schwartz, and the Examiner discussed that the claims of the present application as amended are patentable over the art cited in the July 15, 2010 Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that the clarifying amendments made to independent claims 1 and 15 seek to clarify the claimed subject matter and do not alter the scope of the respective independent claims.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10-16, 18, 19, 21, 22 and 24-28 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10-12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, and 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,660,039 to Evans et al. in view of U.S. Patent App. Publ. No. 2004/0186584 to Keller ("Keller").

Independent claim 1 calls for a device including, *inter alia*, a base plate, an insert, a connector rotatably connecting the insert to the base plate, and at least one removable pin sized for engagement with an opening formed in an outer perimeter side surface of each of the base plate and the insert to thereby prevent relative rotation. Independent claim 15 calls for a device including, *inter alia*, a base plate, an insert, a means for rotatably connecting said insert to the base plate, and a removable means for selective engagement with both the insert and the base plate for preventing relative rotation between the insert and the base plate, the removable means configured to engage an opening in an outer perimeter side surface of each of the base plate and the insert.

As discussed during the above-referenced interview, neither Evans nor Keller discloses a removable pin sized for engagement with an opening formed in an outer perimeter side surface of each of a base plate and an insert to prevent relative rotation as called for in amended independent claim 1 or a removable means for selective engagement with both an insert and a base plate for preventing relative rotation that is configured to engage an opening in an outer

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perimeter side surface of each of the base plate and insert as called for in amended independent claim 15. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection of independent claims 1 and 15 and claims 2-3, 6-7, and 10-14 and claims 16, 18, 19, 21-22, 24-28 that depend from claims 1 and 15, respectively.

Claims 13, 14, 27, and 28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Evans in view of Keller and further in view of additional references.

In forming the rejection of claims 13, 14, 27, and 28, the Examiner relies on Evans in view of Keller as disclosing or suggesting each and every limitation of independent claims 1 and 15, from which claims 13 and 14 and claims 27 and 28 respectively depend. For the reasons set forth above with respect to amended independent claims 1 and 15, Evans and Keller fail to disclose each and every limitation of amended independent claims 1 and 15.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 13 and 14, and claims 27 and 28, which depend from amended independent claims 1 and 15, respectively.

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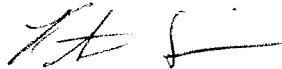
Conclusion

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration is requested. Specifically, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance thereof.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels.

Should the Examiner have any further questions regarding any of the foregoing, she is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at 260-424-8000.

Respectfully submitted,



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